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In re Application of Joseph V. Bak et al Application No. 09/827,046 Filed: April 5, 2001 Attorney Docket No. 2941

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed December 5, 2003, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on September 30, 2003 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

After receipt of the file in the Office of Petitions, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 1725 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy

The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).